

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hiroatsu ENDO Confirmation No. 8333  
Application No.: 10/550,738  
Filing Date: September 26, 2005  
Group Art Unit: 3618  
Examiner: Vaughn COOLMAN  
For: CONTROL APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD FOR DRIVE  
APPARATUS OF HYBRID VEHICLE  
Customer No.: 23838

**RESPONSE TO AUGUST 4, 2009 OFFICE ACTION**

**MAIL STOP RCE**  
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 4, 2009 in the above-identified application, and in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, the Applicant respectfully submits the following, accompanied by a one-month extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.